

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the first line, please add the following new paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR02/02430 having an international filing date of July 10, 2002, which designated the United States, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

This application also claims the benefit of French Application No. 01.11735, filed September 11, 2001, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--